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A US soldier slowly opens a door of a house during a patrol in the northern town of Tal Afar. US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and her British counterpart Jack Straw urged Iraqi leaders to avoid any more delay in forming a government as they wound up two days of intensive talks in Baghdad(AFP/Hassan Ammar)



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